

Today's
Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
WEDNESDAY, the 17th March, 1897,
at Noon,
at H. M. NAVAL YARD,
SUNDRY, NAVAL AND VICTUALLING
CONDENSED STORES,

Comprising—
OLD IRON, PAPER-STUFF, RAGS,
CANVAS, CLOTHING IMPLEMENTS, &c.
TRAFFIC TUBES.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [430]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.**
FOR TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship
"KWEILIN,"
Captain Harris, will be despatched as above on
FRIDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [433]

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
"YUENSANG,"
Captain W. Wardlaw, will be despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 13th instant, at 4
P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First-Class Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [436]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.**
FOR ILOILO.

THE Company's Steamship
"TAIWAN,"
Captain Pearce, will be despatched as above on
SUNDAY, the 14th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [431]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR HAVRE, LONDON AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at three p.m. for COPENHAGEN,
STOCKHOLM, NARVIK, GEFLE,
DANTZIG and KÖNIGSBERG with transshipment
in HAMBURG.)
THE Company's Steamship
"NERITE,"
Captain Daniel, will be despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [434]



NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"IDZUMI MARU,"

Captain J. M. C. Snow, will be despatched for the
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th instant,
at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [438]



NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"YAMASHIRO MARU,"

Captain J. Jones, will be despatched as above on
FRIDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.
This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger
Accommodation, and is lit by Electricity
throughout.
A duly qualified Doctor is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [439]

**"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF
STEAMERS.**

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to RED SEA,
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.)
THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA RICKMERS,"

Captain Berg, will be despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 22nd instant.
For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [437]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR,"

Captain Arguill, will be despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 22nd instant.
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Agents.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [432]

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
MONDAY, the 15th March, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.
at the Residence of J. MITCHELL, Esq.,
No. 1, Pokfulam Road, corner of Queen's Road,
opposite No. 7, Police Station.
THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.
Comprising—
TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING-
ROOM SUITE, CENTRE and TEA TABLES,
OVERMANTELS, LADY'S DESK with
BEVELLED GLASS-TOP, MARBLE-TOP
CHEFFONIER, PICTURES, and ORNA-
MENTS.

ONE JAPANESE CABINET with IVORY
PANELS, TAPESTRY and WHITE LACE
CURTAINS, &c., FENDERS, CARPETS,
RUGS, SIDEBOARDS, DINING TABLE
and CHAIRS, BOOK-CASE, &c., GLASS and
CROCKERY WARE, ELECTRO-PLATE and
CUTLERY, PANTRY REQUISITES, LAMPS,
&c., &c.
SINGLE and DOUBLE IRON and BRASS-
MOUNTED BEDSTEPS, MARBLE-TOP
WASHSTANDS, &c., DRESSING TABLES,
WARDROBE, CHESTS of DRAWERS and
SUNDRY BEDROOM FURNITURE.
BATHROOM REQUISITES, POTS and
PLANTS, &c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale.
On View from WEDNESDAY, the 10th March.
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [415]

Intimations.

**DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.**

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and
other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Commenced, 30th January, 1897. [427]

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SPIRITS.**

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first-hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-
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PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
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once it should be ordered to be decanted at the
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SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintage. All are
true Xeres Wines.

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Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
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as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINE and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [6]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Telegraph" and not to the Editor.
Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and
not to individual members of the staff.
Communications intended for publication must be accompanied
by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for
publication; but as evidence of good faith.
Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always
be open for the free discussion of all questions
affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that
the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for
opinions thus expressed.

MARRIAGE.

On the 15th ultimo, at the residence of Dr.
and Mrs. G. E. Tait, Kobe, ANNA H. EVANS, of
Europe, Cal., to LOUIS C. PUTNAM, of Kobe.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1897.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE
CONVENTION.

In our last issue we published the text
of the Russo-Japanese Convention defining
the relative positions of the two contracting
parties in Korea. The Convention was
read in the House of Representatives by
Count Okuma, who, in so doing, delivered
a lengthy speech explaining the policy of
the Government generally in Korea since
Russia, Germany, and France intervened
to prevent Japan from retaining possession
of the Liaotung Peninsula. We shall
reproduce the distinguished Count's
speech in our next issue and in the mean-
time think it well to mention the fact that
the versions of his utterances as reported by
the *Japan Herald* and the *Japan Mail* on the
27th ulto, vary considerably. The *Herald*
seems to have obtained a report of almost
every word that fell from the lips of
Count Okuma, while the *Mail* publishes
what the speaker probably intended to say.
The *Herald's* report sets forth that the
reason why Japan became a party to such a
manifestly one-sided Convention was
attributable to the fact that "several parties
in the Korean Government aroused
ill-feeling between the two Powers, and to
do away with this ill-feeling and possible
collision the Russo-Japanese Convention
was contracted in Moscow." The *Mail*,
on the other hand, reports that the action
of Japan in the premises was due to the
fact that "it had been thought necessary
to support the independence of Korea
conjointly with the great Northern Power,"
and further on in the *Mail's* report of the
proceedings in the House of Representatives
we find Count Okuma, replying to Mr.
Kokura Juko's question—"Does Count
Okuma still adhere to his declaration that
Korean independence must be supported
by Japan alone?"—said "so long as an
understanding exists between Japan, and
Russia in connection with the maintenance
of Korean independence, no objection
need be entertained, though the task
be undertaken conjointly with Russia
or even with other Powers." If this is not
a memorable example of the skill
with which the noble art of "backing
down" is practised by diplomatists as
occasion requires we should like to know
what it is. We have carefully perused
the Convention and fail to see anything in
it that binds Russia to join with Japan
in the maintenance of Korean indepen-
dence. It appears evident that Russia, in
the hour of one of her most brilliant diplo-
matic achievements, imposed on Japan
just such conditions as a Power suddenly
assuming the rôle of protector and guar-
dian of Korea would be likely to enforce.
There is nothing in the document
indicative of the recognition of any
superior rights of Japan in Korea,
neither does it admit that Japan is entitled
to protect Korea. By this Convention
the Japanese have virtually renounced
all claims to the position of tutor and
guardian in the Hermit Kingdom, a
position promptly assumed after the first
guns had been fired that resulted in the
recent war with China, and the great
Northern Power is left complete master of
the situation.

It may matter little to the majority of
the Treaty Powers who undertake to
maintain peace in Korea, since the
Korean Government is unable to keep its
house in anything like respectable order, and
if this Convention makes for the mainte-
nance of the peace of the Orient it is not
likely that serious exception will be taken to
its strange provisions. But does it serve
as a guarantee of peace? Do all the
Great Powers view with perfect equanimity
the conclusion of such an Agreement
between Japan and Russia, who have
decided that they, and they alone, shall
render financial assistance to Korea
in the event of the Government
having recourse to a foreign loan? The
Convention has certainly had the effect
of pulverizing the power of Japan in
Korea. It has been displaced by a
much greater power, and if this radical
change has the tacit consent of the
Treaty Powers; if they conceive that there
is no element of danger in the situation;
then all may be well for some time to
come. If Russia will rest content
with what she has gained so easily—without
the loss of a single soldier, without
firing a single gun! Unfortunately, how-
ever, there is much reason to fear that
the advance of the Northern Colossus in
Eastern Asia has only been carried far
enough to increase the desire for more
territorial aggrandizement at the expense
of her neighbours; that Japan, too, will
ever seek an opportunity to regain her
lost prestige in Korea, and can never
forgive Russia for manoeuvring her
out of the Liaotung. It is therefore,
to be feared that the Convention is a
mere patch-work, that it is neither evidence
of friendship nor of a good understanding
between Russia and Japan, and that
although present prospects favour hopes
of peace yet latent possibilities forbid
undue confidence in the near future.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE COLLAPSE OF THE PRAYA WALL.

With regard to the subsidence of the
Praya wall on Sunday last, whereby one
life was lost, we notice that the Foreman
of Public Works stated in his evidence that
opposite the Hongkong Hotel three notice
boards in Chinese have been posted
notifying the whole floating population of
the Colony that the new Praya walls
should be given a wide berth. Notwith-
standing this we observed to-day
numerous boats anchored both inside
and outside the two large piles of concrete
blocks opposite the Hongkong Hotel,
many of them made fast to huge
granite blocks and consequently in such
a position that were an accident similar to
that of Sunday last to take place great
loss of life must inevitably result. Besides
the boats there were two launches
made fast to the piles outside the western
pile of blocks with their sterns so close to
them that the falling of one of these great
masses of concrete would have smashed
them into atoms.

COULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN!

We are told that the accident near the
Harbour Office could not have been
foreseen, and this being the case, a
similar catastrophe might occur at any
moment opposite the Hongkong Hotel—
because it can't be forgotten! What we
would ask, is the use of these notice
boards, prohibiting boats anchoring in
close proximity to the blocks, if no steps
are taken to enforce the regulations? We
presume that the duty of seeing that the
regulations in question are not infringed
falls upon the Water Police, and if so, the
sooner they see to it that the boats and
s sampans are kept outside the proscribed
limits the better will it be for all parties
concerned. Should another accident take
place and result in loss of life, we feel
convinced that a Coroner's jury would
inquire about the steps taken to keep
the boats away from the blocks, and
were proof forthcoming that no proper
precautions had been taken, a caustic rider
would in all probability be attached to the
finding, as it should be.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

GREECE AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, March 8th.

The Admirals of the various fleets have pre-
pared a plan for the cession of Greece,
which includes a blockade of the Piræus and
the coast of Crete, also the seizure of the Greek
warships in the event of their displaying the orders
of the combined fleets.

(From Kobe Chronicle)

THE NEW JAPANESE MINISTER TO
PEKING.
TOKIO, February 25th.
Baron Hayashi's successor as Minister to
Peking will be Mr. Yano, the Director of the
Imperial Tomb Bureau.

THE YUSEN KAISHA SUBSIDY.
TOKIO, February 25th.
The Government has decided to submit to the
Diet a Bill for an appropriation of 2,400,000 yen
as a subsidy to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

A TREATY WITH TURKEY.
TOKIO, February 25th.
The Government is taking steps to conclude
a Treaty of Commerce with Turkey.

STEAMSHIP SERVICES TO
VLADIVOSTOK.
NAGASAKI, February 25th.
Russian steamers are to recommence running
to Vladivostok on the 6th March.

THE JAPANESE MINISTER TO PARIS.
TOKIO, February 25th.
Ratifications of the treaties with France and
Brazil having been exchanged, Mr. Sonō, the
Minister at Paris, will shortly return home.

TREASURE TROVE.
YAMAGUCHI, February 25th.
A quantity of old gold coins worth about
\$10,000 has been discovered concealed in the
wall of a godown at Sawayama, in Tama
district. The godown was being repaired after
being damaged by fire.

THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE
CURRENCY.
TOKIO, February 26th.
It has leaked out that the Currency Bill, if
passed, will fix the relative value of gold and
silver at 1 to 375. Gold coins of three denomi-
nations, 5, 10, and 20 yen, will be issued, and
also convertible notes of the same denomina-
tions. The existing silver yen will be permitted
to circulate as legal tender for the present; but
they will be gradually recalled and re-struck.
As some time will be required for completing
preparations for carrying out the change, it is
believed it will not come into force before next
year.

The Talkers' Committee, a Tokyo news agency,
states that according to information it has been
able to obtain the following will form the
principal points of the Currency Bill:—

1.—Gold will be fixed as the standard, the
subsidy coins being silver, nickel, and copper.

2.—The relative value of gold and silver will
be fixed at 1 to 375. The existing one-yen gold
coins will be equal to a nominal value of 2-yen
silver.

3.—The denominations of gold coins will be
5, 10 and 20 yen, and of subsidiary coins 50, 25
and 10 yen silver, 1-yen nickel, and 5-yen
copper. The existing 50, 20, 10 and 5-yen silver
pieces will be exchanged as soon as new coins
can be struck.

4.—The present one-yen silver coins will be
exchanged for new gold coins as soon as the
latter are ready. The Minister for Finance will
reserve the right to stop the circulation of the
existing silver yen at any time he may see fit.

5.—To change in the currency will be carried
into effect on the 1st October next.

6.—The gold reserve will be 150,000,000 yen.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Acquity* arrived yesterday from Macao
with Admiral and Lady Butler on board.

It is probable that a branch of the Yokohama
Specie Bank will shortly be established at
Singapore.

WORK on the construction of the Seoul-Cha-
mpa Railway will probably be commenced on
1st April.

Mr. E. M. Fokan has been appointed Judge of
the High Court at Bombay in succession to Mr.
Justice Justice, resigned.

THE H.K.V. 7-pr. competition takes place at
Happy Valley on Saturday, the 13th instant.
Battery parade, 8 a.m. (Sun) End at 2.15 sharp.

THE ship *Alcester* has been totally wrecked off
the Isle of Wight. She was on a voyage from
Calcutta to Hamburg. All hands were saved.

THE Irish Indian papers report that Scotland has
beaten Ireland at Rugby football and England
defeated Ireland in the match under Association
rules.

THE final round in the Bengal Polo Tournament
on the 20th ulto, was won by the Calcutta Polo
Club, after a most exciting struggle, from the
Victoria's Staff team.

A NOTICE to mariners published at Shanghai
on the 2nd instant states that the *Kiutson* light-
ship would be replaced on her station on or
about the 6th March.

MR. R. D. ORMSBY, Acting Director of Public
Works at Ceylon, is mentioned as a likely candi-
date for the appointment of Director of Public
Works in Hongkong in succession to the Hon. F. A.
Cooper.

IT is announced in the *Official Gazette* that Sig-
nor Ernesto F. Freyre has been appointed Spanish
Consul for Higo and Osaka. A Spanish
Consul has also been appointed to Nagasaki,
and one to Fomosa.

CIRCULARS have been sent to the Commissioners
of Customs at the various ports, by Sir Robert
Hart, instructing them to begin preparations for
the representation of China at the Paris
Universal Exhibition in 1900.

DR. L. P. MARQUIS has been created a Knight
Commander of the Order of Christ and also an
officer of the Most Distinguished and Noble
Order of St. James, in recognition of his valua-
ble professional services to the poor in Hong-
kong.

DR. WATZ, Health Officer at Calcutta, reports
that the result of Dr. Haffkine's prophylactic
inoculation is more favourable than could be
expected, and suggests that every assistance
should be afforded to the P. O. for carrying
on the good work he is now doing.

IN their *Weekly Share List* issued at 5 p.m.
to-day Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts
state:—The chief features of the week under
review have been a decline in China Sugars
and Petroleum, and a rather sharp advance in
China and Manila, Rubber, and Green Islands.

THE Japanese Government has submitted to the
Lower House a Bill providing for the
establishment of bonded warehouses, where
imported goods can be stored without payment
of Customs duty until they are required to be
taken out, with a view to facilitating foreign
trade.

A WOMAN named Li Shi died in the Civil Hos-
pital on the 6th inst. from self-inflicted wounds
in her throat. She lived at Apichau, near
Aberdeen, and had previously tried to kill herself
by hanging. The woman had hallucinations
that a former husband was calling to her from
the other world.

MA LING, a coolie, was sent into "the Retreat"
for 4 months at the Magistracy to-day for
assaulting another coolie by throwing him down
from 18th Queen's Road West. The complainant
had been in the Civil Hospital for the last four
months and is at present still under treatment in
the Tung Wah Hospital.

THE proposed Hangchow Railway is, says the
N. C. Daily News, intended to connect the
foreign settlements at Kungchen bridge with the
flourishing market town at the mouth of the
Chienyang river, which is the entrepot of the
products of Western Chekiang destined for
Hangchow, Soochow, Shanghai, &c.

H.M.S. *Iphigénie*, Cruiser, Capt. H. N. Dudding,
left Spithead late on Friday night, 5th February,
for China. She was to have conveyed the
Monarch, battleship, Captain R. D. B. Bruce,
as far as Gibraltar, but the battleship was taken
into Portsmouth Dockyard next day owing to
some defects being found in her superstructure.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will
play the following programme at the Officers'
Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, com-
mencing at 8 o'clock:—
1.—Overture.
2.—March.
3.—Selection.
4.—Selection.
5.—Selection.
6.—Selection.
7.—Selection.
8.—Selection.
9.—Selection.
10.—Selection.

THE sickness of the weather was strikingly
illustrated to-day. The morning broke bright and
clear and by 10 o'clock the heat was very great.
The harbour was like a sheet of glass and the
sun's rays had quite a summer-like intensity.
Then there was a lightning-change. In a
few minutes the sky became dark and overcast
and a north-easterly monsoon was blowing with
great force. White-capped waves were flying
about the harbours and for a time there was
every appearance of heavy rain squalls.

DR. SUN YAT SEN in his interesting brochure
"Klanship in London" severely condemns the
whole system of government, or rather misgov-
ernment, in the Celestial Empire. Respecting
the viceregalty of the Liang Kwang he says,
"English readers will scarcely credit that the
Viceregalty of, say, Kwangtung, rolling over a
population larger than that of Great Britain, is
in receipt of a salary of £500 a year, so that in
order to live and maintain himself, in office he
resorts, and of course has to resort, to extortion
and the selling of justice."

News has been received from Calcutta that
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Barrow,
Assistant Adjutant General, Rawalpindi, has
been appointed First Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India, Military Department, in
succession to Colonel King Hasman, whose
tenure expires in March next. Lieut.-Colonel
Barrow raised the Hongkong Regiment, and he
was one of the most popular military officers
ever resident in this colony. His departure, it
will be remembered, was marked by a public
presentation of plate at the City Hall.

IN view of Russian and French activity in
Abyssinia, the *Times* says it has been judged
for Great Britain to remain idle in that quarter.
Mr. Rennell Rodd is going on a special mission
to Klog Menelik, with an autograph letter
from the Queen, and will be accompanied by
Mr. Wingate and Captain Swyne on behalf of
India. Count Gleichen, Lord Edward Cecil and
others will also accompany the party.

IN an article upon tea the *Yokohama Nippon* states
that the obvious truth is that the third picking
tends to deteriorate the quality of tea. Last year
the third picking was prohibited, in view of a
large surplus of tea which remained unsold in the
American market. The measure proved a
success, as was shown in the advance of prices
at the close of the season. A proposal has been
made among the tea merchants at the open ports
to take the same course in the coming season.

WE read in the *Japan Mail* that the Nippon
Yusen Kaisha, taking advantage of the profits
accruing from the late recent war, opened lines
to America, Australia, and Europe, but the
expenditure during the past year has amounted
to yen 3,400,000. There being no prospect of
the business paying, the Company recently
petitioned the Government for further subsidies.
The authorities have decided to grant yen
3,400,000 as supplementary grants, and the pro-
ject will be laid before the Diet as a Supple-
mentary Budget at an early date.

AS far as we have been able to gather, the
navigation of the West River is remarkably free
of dangers, two rocks alone rendering it slightly
hazardous; but as the position of these rocks is
now well known to those who are likely to be
engaged in the navigation of this great waterway
in the near future, and as the Chinese authorities
are having them buoyed with a view to prevent-
ing disasters when the river is officially opened
it appears probable that the pioneer
steamers will be able to reach Wuchow
without encountering much, if any, difficulty.

OUR Canton correspondent reports that the last
of the winter series of dances, which have gone
far towards relieving the monotony of the "off
season," was given at the Club a day or two
ago. The ball-room was decorated in a
thoroughly artistic manner and the

Intimations.

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Hongkong, 15th May 1896. [13]

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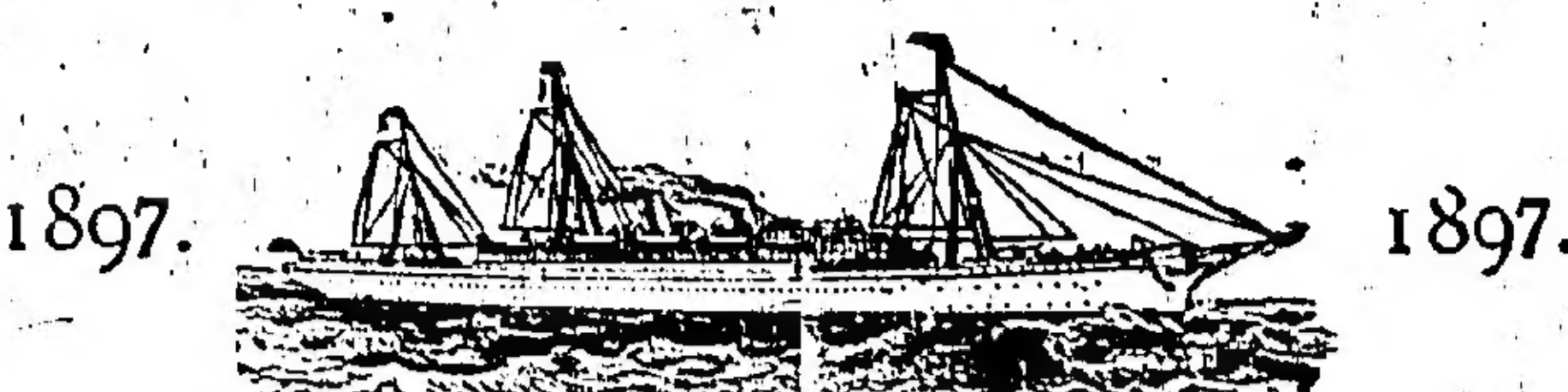
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Hongkong, 10th March, 1897. [5]

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